

A wide-angle landscape photograph with a blue color cast, showing rolling hills and a forested valley under a clear sky.

Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program

Question 1





"You know what I'm sayin'? ... Me, for example. I couldn't work in some stuffy little office. ... The outdoors just calls to me."

Today's Presentation

Brief Background of Q1

- ❖ What is Question 1?
- ❖ What projects are eligible?
- ❖ Match contributions
- ❖ Project Selection Process

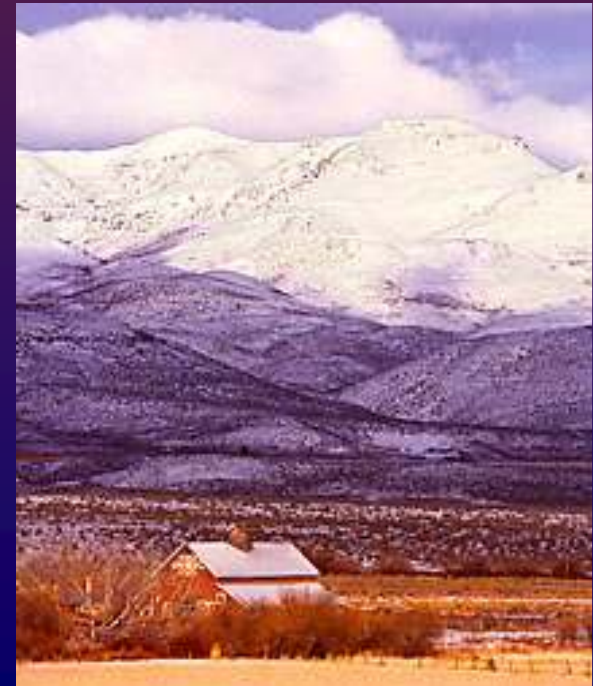
Current Status of Q-1 Program

- ❖ Amount Awarded By Category
- ❖ Program Timeline

Lessons Learned

- ❖ Top Ten Reasons Kevin Gets Grouchy
- ❖ Observations from Q1

Questions



Background

- ❖ Ballot Question 1 was a proposal to issue bonds in the amount of \$200 million for conservation and resource protection projects.
- ❖ It was passed by Nevada's voters in November 2002.





What is Question 1?

Landmark environmental initiative designed to preserve and protect open space, construct recreational trails, plan for habitat improvement, and to acquire land to build and improve parks



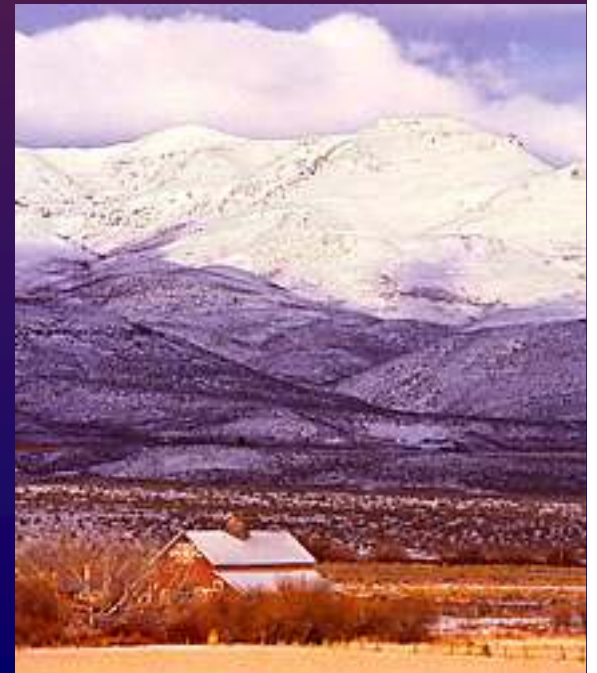
Division of State Lands

❖ \$65.5 million of the bond proceeds have been allocated to the Division of State Lands to administer grant program



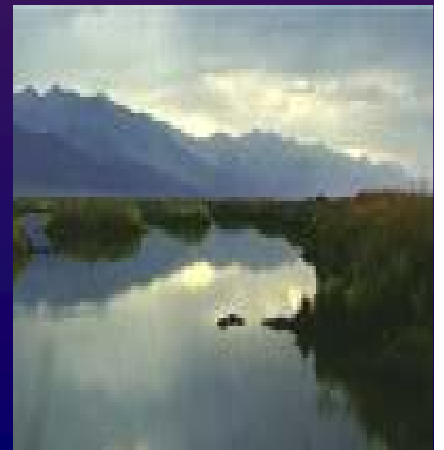
Who is eligible?

- ❖ Counties
- ❖ Municipalities
- ❖ Nonprofit organizations
- ❖ State agencies



What projects are eligible?

- ❖ Habitat conservation plans (\$3 million)
- ❖ Open space plans (\$250,000)
- ❖ Land and water acquisitions (\$35 million)
- ❖ Recreational trails (\$7.25 million)
- ❖ Urban parks and greenbelts (\$5 million)
- ❖ Carson River Corridor (\$10 million)
- ❖ Lake Tahoe Path System (\$5 million)





Match Requirements

Habitat conservation plans-5%

Open space plans-5%

Recreational trails-25%

Urban parks and greenbelts-25%

Land/Water Acquisitions (>100,000 pop)-50%

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Habitat Conservation Plans

For the development of Habitat Conservation Plans

- ❖ Funding available: \$3,000,000
- ❖ Awarded to date: \$1,438,404
- ❖ Projects awarded in Nye, Lander, Lincoln, Elko and State-wide Comprehensive Plan



Open Space Plans

For the development of open space plans

- ❖ Funding Available: \$250,000
- ❖ Awarded to Date: \$191,000
- ❖ Projects awarded in Douglas, Nye, Lincoln and White Pine counties





Land and Water Acquisitions

To protect wildlife habitat, sensitive or unique vegetation, historic or cultural resources, riparian corridors, floodplains and wetlands

- ❖ Funding Available: \$20,000,000
- ❖ Awarded to Date: \$9,332,822
- ❖ Projects awarded in Carson City, Douglas, Washoe Lincoln, Churchill, Clark and Storey counties



Soda Lake

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County making plans for use of Soda Lake land

approved initiative to set aside \$200 million to protect various natural resources and open space.

The newly-purchased land and water will be integrated with an existing 20-acre site owned by the county on the north shore of Little Soda Lake.

The county owns the irrigation district approximately \$256,000 of in-kind work for the purchase, Moore said.

Residents in a meeting last week with parks and recreation officials expressed concern about shooting and off-roading in the area. Some shooters have taken aim at birds and left debris in the area, Moore said.

"There's a lot of bad habits out there that we probably can't con-

tinue if this is for the community," he said.

The area also attracts hikers and horse enthusiasts.

Little Soda Lake could be developed into an attractive fishing site, said Mike Sevon, supervising fisheries biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife. The lake currently supports a population of Lahontan tui chubs, and a hearty fish like the Sacramento perch could tolerate the lake's high salinity, he said.

"We think we can go out and find some Sacramento trout, put them in the lake and they'll reproduce," he said.

Big Soda Lake has a brine shrimp population, but is considered too salty to support a fish population, he said. The area



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Churchill County now owns more than 1,000 acres of land and water surrounding Big Soda Lake and Little Soda Lake. The area will be used for recreation.

could also be stocked with trout seasonally, like what is done at Liberty Pond, Sevon said.

The property's water is a valuable sanctuary for migratory birds along the Pacific Flyway,

said Janet Schmidt, an outdoor recreation planner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She suggested closing sensitive nesting areas to the public at certain times of the year.

The impact of ATV riders was also a concern.

Kamibo Drive resident Celeste Buswell said ATV riders frequently travel down area roads and cut across private property on their way to Soda Lake. She opposed the use of ATVs on the county land.

"I don't think posting a sign does much good," she said.

It will likely be six months until a master plan for the Soda Lake property is adopted, Moore said. The area will likely be incorporated into the county park system, but will be considered more of a resource conservation area than a formal park, he said. Exceptions to the county's park ordinance, such as those regarding dogs, could be made for the area.



Land and Water Acquisitions-Non-Profit

- ❖ *To protect wildlife habitat, sensitive or unique vegetation, historic or cultural resources, riparian corridors, floodplains and wetlands*
- ❖ Funding Available: \$15,000,000
- ❖ Awarded to Date: \$3,101,500
- ❖ Projects awarded in Washoe, Churchill, Douglas, and Elko counties



Recreational Trails

For the construction of recreational trails including hiking, equestrian and bicycle trails

- ❖ Funding Available: \$7,250,000
- ❖ Awarded to Date: \$6,763,252
- ❖ Projects awarded in Clark, Douglas, Elko, Humboldt, Lander, Churchill, White Pine and Washoe counties







Urban Parks and Greenbelts

For acquisition of land and water or interests in land and water for urban parks and greenbelts

- ❖ Funding Available: \$5,000,000
- ❖ Awarded Funding: \$4,936,976
- ❖ Projects awarded in Washoe, Clark, Douglas and Carson City counties





Carson River Corridor

For enhancement and restoration of the Carson River Corridor

- ❖ Funding Available: \$10,000,000
- ❖ Awarded To Date: \$7,084,403
- ❖ Projects awarded in Lyon, Carson, Churchill and Douglas counties

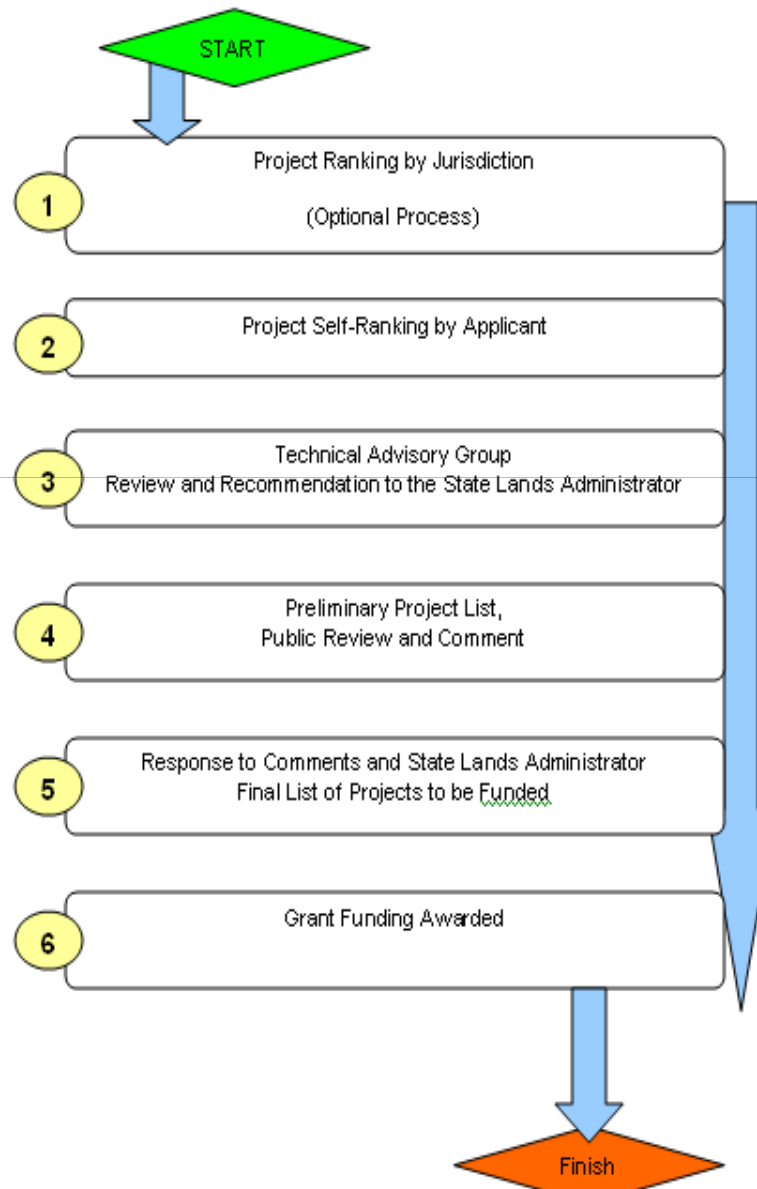




Lake Tahoe Path System


- ❖ \$5,000,000
- ❖ To Carson City, Douglas or Washoe Counties and municipalities within those counties
- ❖ For enhancement and development of the Lake Tahoe Path System

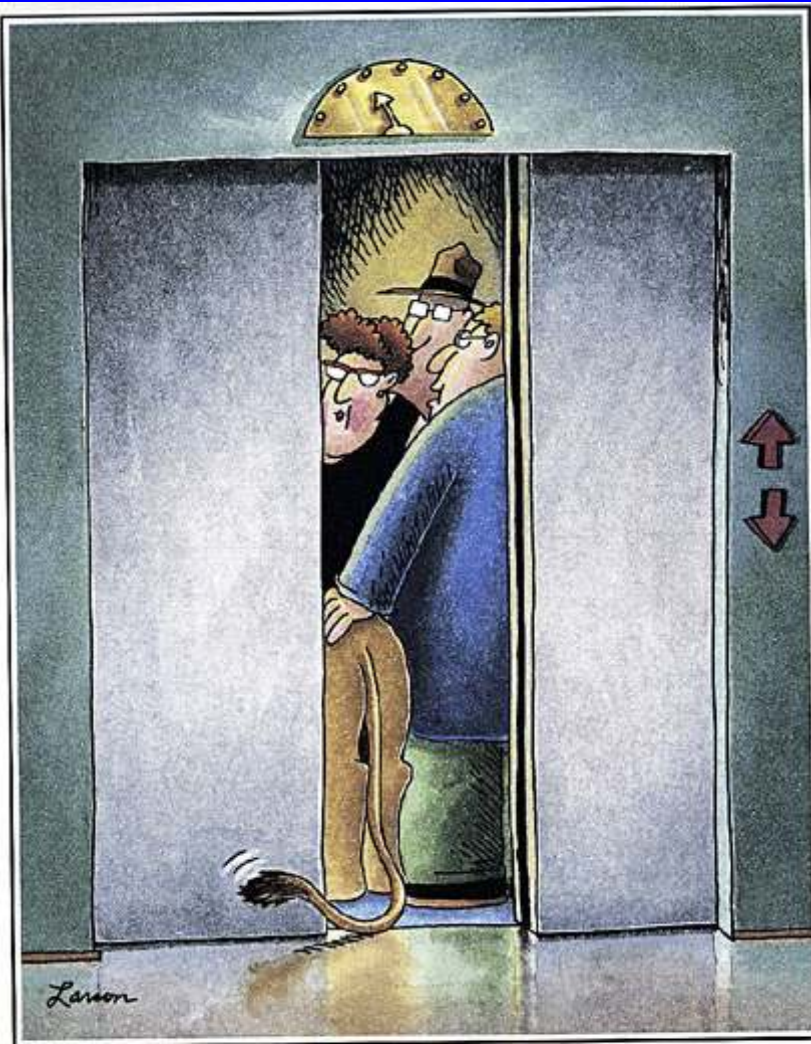
Project Selection Process





Program Facts & Figures

- ❖ Round 7- 16 applications for a total of \$14.5 million requested
 - ❖ Awarded nearly \$33 million for 100 projects in 13 counties
 - ❖ 2,900 acres of land to be maintained as open space
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"Don't be alarmed, folks. ... He's completely harmless unless something startles him."



Top Ten Reasons Kevin Gets Grouchy

10. Applicant has not obtained support for the project ahead of time





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9. Forgot to take out the trash this week

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And the Number One Reason Kevin Gets Grouchy





Top Ten Reasons Kevin Gets Grouchy

1. Son is in his first year of college and has forgotten why he's there
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What makes a good Q1 Project?

- ❖ Know the intent of the program and check for fit (conservation and resource protection program)
- ❖ Good project vs. eligible project
- ❖ Project design includes multiple, stand-alone phases
- ❖ Make sure the project is ready to implement
- ❖ Reasonable amount is requested for the project
- ❖ Don't include materials other than those specifically requested by the funder
- ❖ Have an outsider edit your proposal before you submit it
- ❖ Follow directions



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